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CENTRAL COMMAND

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Overview

There were 118 crashes in December. This is a 37.2% increase from November's 86 crashes. The increase can be attributed to hazardous road conditions during inclement winter weather. There were three fatal crashes during December resulting in a total of three people deceased. There were 2 crashes involving impaired drivers, which is the same as during November. Of the 118 total crashes, 11, or 9.3% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 7, or 63.645%, of those crashes. Seven of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity decreased by 47.5% compared to November and 12.3% from the prior year. The decrease is largely contributed to an increase in lost man hours during December. On average, Central Command districts had an increase of 46% in man hours lost compared to November. The lost man hours included annual leave time, rescheduled days off for holidays and fifteen traffic troopers being assigned to the 2008 New Year's Eve Operation in Las Vegas. Speed violations decreased 580 citations, or 36% from November. Hazardous moving violations increased by 32 citations, or 24.1% from the prior month. Occupant restraint violations decreased 92 citations, or 34.3% compared to November. There were 28 arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash during December. This is a decrease of 7, or 20% compared to November, but it is an increase 13, or 86.7% over the previous year.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 23.5%, or 139 inspections from November. As such, enforcement activity increased 15.1% from the prior month. There were 120 more safety violations written in December than in November. There was a 44.4% increase in cited safety violations from November. There were 40 vehicles and 29 drivers placed, "out of service" in December. Both these areas increased as much as 42.9% from the prior year's percentages. Traffic personnel conducted 319 inspections during the month, which is an increase of 12.7% or 36 inspections over November.

Front office personnel showed increases from November in accident reports and incident reports processed. There was a decrease of 16.7% in the arrest reports processed as compared to the prior year. The Communications Center experienced slight decreases compared to November's radio transmissions and CAD incidents. There was an increase in telephone calls compared to the prior month and year.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	December-08		December-07	% Change		November-08	% Change
Total Crashes	118		93	26.9%		86	37.2%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	88		69	27.5%		63	39.7%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	27		23	17.4%		22	22.7%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		1	200.0%		1	200.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2		3	-33.3%		2	0.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3		1	200.0%		1	200.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		1	100.0%		0	200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	11		20	-45.0%		16	-31.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	8		16	-50.0%		14	-42.9%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		4	-25.0%		2	50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.5%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 1.7%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 9.3%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Total crashes were up by 32 from November for a 37.2% increase. There were 25 more crashes than the previous year for a 26.9% increase.
- There were 2 DUI crashes for the month of December which reflected no change from the previous month's 2 crashes. This is a 33.3% decrease over the previous year's 3 crashes. The BAC. result for the driver is pending for one these crashes. The other driver's BAC. was .144.
- There were 3 fatal crashes in December, which is an increase of 200% from the previous month and the previous year's single crash.

There were 11 accidents involving a commercial vehicle during December, which is a decrease of 9 crashes from the previous year and 5, or 31.3% from November. The 11 accidents accounted for 9.3% of the total crashes in the Command. Of the 11 crashes, 7, or 63.64% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. There were 2 crashes involving a commercial vehicle in which a passenger vehicle driver was found to be at fault. Seven of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80, the remaining 4 occurred on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	December-08		December- 07	% Change		November-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2		1	100.0%		2	0.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	28		15	86.7%		35	-20.0%
Other Arrests	125		99	26.3%		122	2.5%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	66		50	32.0%		76	-13.2%
Speed violations	1032		1616	-36.1%		1612	-36.0%
Hazardous moving violations	165		148	11.5%		133	24.1%
Occupant restraint violations *	176		205	-14.1%		268	-34.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	2419		2757	-12.3%		4608	-47.5%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	12		38	-68.4%		34	-64.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	61		41	48.8%		25	144.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	731		667	9.6%		592	23.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	156		128	21.9%		108	44.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	916		837	9.4%		796	15.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	40		28	42.9%		40	0.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	29		26	11.5%		23	26.1%
Total school buses inspected	2		0	200.0%		11	-81.8%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	1066		1320	-19.2%		829	28.6%
Total overweight citations	8		18	-55.6%		6	33.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	583		652	-10.6%		555	5.0%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Total violations showed a decrease of 2,189 violations from the previous month for a decrease of 47.5% compared to November. Total violations decreased 12.3% or 338 compared to the prior year.
- Speed enforcement was down from the prior month by 580 violations for a 36% decrease. Hazardous moving violations increased by 32, or 24.1%. Occupant restraint violations decreased from the previous month by 92 or 34.3%.
- There were 28 DUI arrests prior to crashes for a 20% decrease over November. This was an 86.7% increase over the same period last year. The average BAC for impaired drivers was .151% for December.

- Commercial vehicle inspections dramatically increased by 139 safety inspections or 23.5% compared to November. Inspections also increased by 64 or 9.6%, compared to the previous year. Total violations were up by 120, or 15.1% compared to November and 79, or 9.4% as compared to the previous year. There was a 44.4% increase in cited safety violations as compared to November. There were 29 drivers and 40 vehicles placed out of service. Both of these areas are consistent of the prior month's totals. The number of trucks weighed was up by 237 for a 28.6% increase compared to the previous month's total. Commercial troopers also produced 73 cited traffic violations or traffic related arrests.
- There were 1,066 trucks weighed by commercial enforcement in December. Of the trucks weighed in December, 48 of those were weighed on secondary roadways during 108.9 hours of directed enforcement.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
December-08	319	93	276	16	7	246	0
December-07	263	90	267	19	5	208	5
% Change	21.3%	3.3%	3.4%	-15.8%	40.0%	18.3%	-500.0%

December-08	319	93	276	16	7	246	0
November-08	283	81	226	10	7	240	0
% Change	12.7%	14.8%	22.1%	60.0%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%

- Traffic operations personnel conducted 319 level 2/3 inspections during December. This was an increase of 12.7% over the previous month and an increase of 21.3%, or 56 inspections over last year. There was an increase in repair orders of 22.1% compared to the previous month. Ninety-three (93) citations were issued for safety violations compared to 81 the previous month and 90 the previous year. Two hundred-seventy-six (276) repair orders were written during the inspections with 7 vehicles and 16 drivers being placed "out of service." Vehicles placed out of service increased by 2 more, or 40% over the prior year, but remained the same as November's totals. Drivers placed out of service increased from the prior year and November's totals as much as 60%.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	December-08	Decemberr-07	% Change	November-08	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	65531	52,813	24.1%	67701	-3.2%
CAD incidents	8663	7,272	19.1%	9174	-5.6%
Telephone Calls	8504	7,922	7.3%	7524	13.0%
Call Box Incidents	0	9	-900.0%	0	0.0%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	104	102	2.0%	86	20.9%
Arrest Reports Processed	95	114	-16.7%	48	97.9%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	8	33	-75.8%	5	60.0%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	297	110	170.0%	320	-7.2%
Warrants Entered	253	106	138.7%	247	2.4%
Warrants Cleared	88	99	-11.1%	194	-54.6%
Warrants Validated	361	1741	-79.3%	0	36100.0%
Extradition / Transports	3	3	0.0%	7	-57.1%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	N/A	60	-6000.0%	37	-3700.0%
New Items Submitted	N/A	337	-33700.0%	154	-15400.0%
Items Disposed	N/A	8	-800.0%	62	-6200.0%

Contract Service overtime was 409 hours during 6 escorts totaling \$35,083.00.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- **Contract services were up from the previous month by \$12,030.00.**
- Communications Center activity slightly decreased except for telephone calls from the previous month, but increased from the previous year except for call box incidents.
- The evidence section totals for December are unavailable due the reorganization of the Central Command evidence vaults.
- Front Office staff processed more accident reports compared to the previos month.. The number of processed arrest and incident reports also increased from the previous month, but declined from the previous year's total.
- The Court/Warrant Unit work process decreased in warrants received by 7.2% from the previous month, but warrants entered increased by 2.4% in the same comparison.

PERSONNEL

Central Command continues with the field training of the seven recent trooper arrivals to the command. All the troopers continue to perform well and we are optimistic that all will successfully complete their field training as scheduled. A vacant Public Safety Dispatcher (PSD) I position was filled and the new hire will begin training on January 5, 2009. A qualified candidate was selected for a second vacant PSD I position. The candidate is currently in the background process. Expectations are that the candidate will be hired by the end of January. Interviews are scheduled to be completed by the end of January for the vacant Administrative Assistant (AA) I position in court warrants and the AA IV position for the Central Command evidence vault.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

During the month of December, Trooper Stewart prepared and participated with Shop with a Cop at the Elko K Mart. Trooper Stewart conducted driver safety presentations at the Cortez mine. Additionally, Trooper Stewart delivered public safety announcements along with Elko media outlets that promoted safe holiday travel.

AIR OPERATIONS

The Central Command Aircraft flew 32.6 hours, completing 16 missions during the month of December. Both of these numbers are below the previous month's totals. Four speed enforcement missions were flown for the month. During the four speed enforcement missions, the aircraft produced the below listed activity:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	37
Hazardous	4
Non-Hazardous	8
Seat belt	1

The remaining missions consisted of six line patrol missions for 10.8 hours of flight time, two prisoner transports and two personnel transports. Additionally, the aircraft was employed twice this month to assist with search and rescue missions. One search mission was conducted near Winnemucca for a reported downed air plane. This report was later to be determined as false. The other search and rescue mission was conducted near Elko and was for a missing seven-year old boy. The boy was found unharmed and in good health.

Six motorists were assisted during speed enforcement missions. Four additional motorists were assisted during a line mission. Compared to November 2008, the total flight time was down 19%, total enforcement activity is down 26% and motorist assists are up 67%. When compared to December 2007, flight time is up 28%, total enforcement activity is up 43% and motorists assisted were equal.